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RUECKERT MURDER MYSTERY NEAR SOLUTION, SAY POLICE; SLAYER'S REVOLVER IS CLUE

Footprints Also Aid Hunt for
Assassin of Hoboken
Merchant.

DENIAL BY MISS TRASK.

Girl Named in Case Says She
Was Not Fiancee and Did
Not Call Home.

Latest developments in the mystery of the murder of Fritz Ernest Rueckert, Hoboken manufacturer, according to the police, promise a speedy solution and one which Inspector Kiley declares will bear out his original contention that the motive behind the murder was robbery. The revolver, which was found in a garden two blocks away from the scene of the murder, is supposed to play an important part in revealing the identity of its owner.

Other developments were a denial by Miss Mae Trask that she had telephoned to the Rueckert apartment or that she had been engaged to Rueckert; and a denial by the mother of Miss Clara Vorrath that her daughter's engagement to Rueckert had ever been broken.

The will of the murdered man has been found and in it both his mother and Miss Vorrath are mentioned.

Residents of the apartment house have told the police that they heard footprints in the Rueckert rooms at 11 o'clock on Saturday night. The police deny having said that the murderer entered the apartment with the aid of a key. They are positive that entrance was made from the roof by the knotted clothesline, which was found hanging in front of the kitchen window above the doorway.

FOOTPRINTS TRACED ON ROOF
OF ADJOINING HOUSE.

Footprints have been traced on the roof as well as on the roof of the adjoining house at No. 1131 Washington street, where dwells Miss Estelle Brown, who attended the Strand Theatre that night with Gus Halkan, the murdered man's valet. Halkan left Miss Brown at her home at 11 o'clock and then went to Ritter's Hall, where he played pinocle until nearly four o'clock Sunday morning.

Footprints were also found on the sill of the kitchen window. The murderer lifted the wire screen from the lower part of the window to the top and in making his entrance, tore the curtains. No finger prints have been found either on the window or in the house.

The name of Miss Trask came into the case when a woman called the Rueckert apartment by phone and according to a detective who was in charge for the County Prosecutor, asked for Mr. Richter, Mr. Rueckert's business partner. This was some hours after the death of Rueckert, and when told that he had died she appeared much shocked.

Miss Trask has retained Attorney

FRENCH CABINET DÉCIDÉS TO END BIG LABOR BODY

Confederation Called "Inimical
to National Defense" by
Council of Ministers.

PARIS, May 11.—Dissolution of the Confederation of Labor as "inimical to the national defense" was decided upon to-day by the Council of Ministers, a direct result of the present revolutionary strikes.

The action was regarded as more drastic than the mobilization of railway employees ordered by former Premier Briand when the Republic was threatened by a general railway strike.

The Cabinet first discussed the advisability of Premier Millerand receiving United Socialist Deputies bearing a message from the General Federation saying it was ready to call off the strike providing the Premier would undertake to appoint a governmental commission to meet the federation's delegates and discuss nationalization of the public utilities.

M. Millerand opposed any negotiations with the Federation. He quoted articles of the law of 1884 under which the Federation was organized, which permits it exclusively the privilege of studying the economic interests of unions and syndicates and their defense.

He argued that the Federation was conducting the present strike for political purposes and had exceeded the limits of the purpose for which it was organized. There could be no compromise with the Federation, he declared. It being a case of the French Government running the affairs of the country or the Federation taking charge.

Some members of the Cabinet were inclined to adopt a conciliatory attitude, but the Premier stubbornly defended his point of view, which finally was adopted.

Whether any arrests of prominent members of the Federation will be made rests entirely upon the decision of Minister of Justice L'Hopiteau, who was given full powers by the Government to take such measures as he might deem necessary to put the dissolution measure into execution.

RENT LAWS UPHELD
IN SUPREME COURT

Refuses Mandamus Writ to Compel
Brooklyn Justice to Sign
Eviction Papers.

Supreme Court Justice Fawcett in Brooklyn to-day refused a writ of mandamus to the District Attorney, Construction Company compelling Municipal Judge St. John to sign eviction papers dispossessing the families of William Foster and Saterfield from the premises of No. 450 Hudson Avenue.

Justice St. John had granted stays to the families under the new rent laws because they could not obtain suitable accommodations.

PAID HENRY \$1,000 FOR AID ON LEASE, SAYS HOTEL MAN

Declares Inspector Helped
Deal, but Never Promised
Protection.

RAIDS ARE DESCRIBED.

Cockran Asserts Arrests Meant
Nothing Unless Vice
Was Open.

Ferdinand Delenne, who took over the business of the Hotel Van Cortlandt after being warned by Inspector Henry that it had been conducted disreputably and changed it to the Hotel de France, testified in Henry's trial for neglect of duty before Judge Malone in General Sessions to-day that he had paid Henry \$1,000 in several instalments. The money, he said, was a commission to Henry for securing a ten-year extension of the lease on the hotel building from one Ahearn.

Immediately after the last payment to Henry of several making up the \$1,000 in October, 1919, Delenne said, a woman was arrested in the hotel after being followed from the street by detectives who had seen her accept a man. A policeman was placed in the hotel after the arrest; but instead of being stationed in the office to warn intending patrons, as is customary in such cases, the policeman, in full uniform, was stationed in the room which the Harding woman had occupied until Delenne interceded with Chief Inspector Daly with the result the policeman was removed four days later.

Delenne was an obviously hostile witness under the questioning of Assistant District Attorney Smith and angrily protested against any imputation by Smith that his business transaction with Henry savored of graft or had anything to do with the consideration manner in which the watchman-policeman was secluded in a private room. He said that when there was a hitch in the lease for which he had paid Henry, the Inspector offered to pay the money back.

Q. Did you have a conversation with Henry in July, 1918? A. Yes, about the Van Cortlandt. I wanted to know what the reputation was before I bought it. He said it was very bad and if I tried to run it that way he would close the place. He asked me how much they asked for it. I said \$50,000. He said it is a "no good place."

Q. Did you see Henry after you bought the place? A. Yes.

Q. In the meantime it had been raided? A. When it was in the receiver's hands.

Q. What did you say? A. I told him I had bought the place.

Q. Did you go to see Henry at his

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YANKEE WOMEN WIN
ON LINKS ABROAD

Miss Hollins and Mrs. Vanderbeck Defeat British Rivals at Match Play of English Tourney.

NEWCASTLE, County Down, Ireland, May 11.—American women golfers participating in the British Women's Championship Tournament here to-day secured an even break in the first round of match play. Mrs. C. W. Vanderbeck of Philadelphia and Miss Marion Hollins of Westwood, Long Island, defeated their opponents, Miss Margaret Galloway of Philadelphia and Miss Rosemond Hancock of Long Island, being eliminated by English entrants.

Mrs. Vanderbeck defeated Miss Ames of Falkenstein, 4 and 3. Miss Hollins won from Mrs. Craze, Walton Heath, 3 up. Miss A. C. MacKenzie of Toronto, Canada, defeated Miss Galloway, 2 up, and Miss Molly Griffin won from Miss Rutherford on the fourteenth green.

'FIGHT THE WAR TO A FINISH,' WILSON TOLD NAVY OFFICERS IN HIS SECRET INSTRUCTIONS

"Do the Audacious Thing," He
Said in Speech to Officers,
Just Made Public.

OMIT WORD PRUDENT.

"Throw Traditions to the
Wind," He Said, Referring
to the British Policy.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—President Wilson's hitherto unpublished war instructions to the officers of the Atlantic Fleet given on the quarter-deck of the flagship Pennsylvania on Aug. 11, 1917, and bidding them "throw tradition to the wind," strike the word "prudent" from their vocabularies and "do the thing that is audacious to the utmost point of risk and daring" were made public to-day by Secretary Daniels.

The President spoke as Commander in Chief of the Navy and at a time when the German submarine menace was uncured. In laying the text of his remarks before the Senate Naval Investigating Committee, Secretary Daniels said they showed the "bold and vigorous" policy the President had outlined for the Navy.

"This is an unprecedented war," said President Wilson, "and, therefore, it is a war in one sense for amateurs. Nobody ever before conducted a war like this and therefore nobody can pretend to be a professional in a war like this. Now, somebody has to think this war out. Somebody has got to think out the way not only to fight the submarine but to do something different from what we are doing."

"We are hunting hornets all over the farm and letting the nest alone. None of us know how to go to the nest at all, crush it, and yet I despair of hunting for hornets all over the sea when I know where the nest is and know that the nest is breeding hornets as fast as I can find them. I am willing for my part, and I know you are willing because I know the stuff you are made of—I am willing to sacrifice half the navy Great Britain and we together have to crush that nest, because if we crush it the war is won."

"I have come here to say that I do not care where it comes from, I do not care whether it comes from the youngest officer or the oldest, but I want the officers of this navy to have the distinction of saying how this war is going to be won."

"I wish that I could think and had the brains to think in the terms of marine warfare, because I would feel then that I was figuring out the future history of the political freedom of mankind. I do not see how any

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GOVERNOR SIGNS
TEACHERS' PAY BILL

Gives Average Increase in Salary
of \$600 to Those in
This City.

ALBANY, May 11.—The Governor to-day signed the bill for the average increase of salary of \$600 to those in this city.

Under the provisions of the bill, the average increase of every teacher in New York city will be \$600.

W. D. HOWELLS,
DEAN OF WRITERS,
WHO DIED TO-DAY



WM. D. HOWELLS,
NOTED AS WRITER,
DIES OF INFLUENZA

Long Occupant of Harper's
"Easy Chair" and Known as
Dean of American Letters.

William Dean Howells, one of the most distinguished writers of this country and for many years known as the Dean of American Letters, died early to-day in his apartment at the Hotel St. Hubert, No. 120 West 57th Street. He had reached his eighty-third birthday in March last.

An attack of influenza which Mr. Howells contracted during his winter at Savannah, Ga., was indirectly the cause of his death. He never fully recovered, but grew steadily worse after his return to this city several weeks ago.

When he died, shortly after midnight, his daughter, Mildred, and his son, William Mead Howells, an architect of this city, were at his bedside. He is survived also by two sisters, who live in Canada, and a brother in Washington.

The funeral services will be held at the Church of the Ascension to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Mr. Howells will be buried in Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Howells was born at Martin's Ferry, O., March 1, 1837. His father was a country editor and the son's education was largely obtained in the office of his father's paper, where he worked as compositor, correspondent and editor. President Lincoln appointed him counsel at Venice, where he served from 1861 to 1865.

In 1852, in Paris, he married Ellen H. Mead of Brookline, Vt. After returning to America he became editor of the Atlantic Monthly, and later wrote "The Editor's Easy Chair" in Harper's Magazine, being also literary adviser to that publication. Mr. Howells was honored by degrees from many American universities and also from Oxford.

Among his best known books are "The Lady of the Aroostook," "The Landlord at Lion's Head," "Venetian Life," "The Rise of Silas Lapham," "The World of Chance" and many volumes of poems and farces.

FIREMEN COLLAPSE FIGHTING RUBBER FIRE IN SHIP HOLD

Ten, Including Acting Deputy
Chief McKenna, Are Over-
come by the Fumes.

COTTON BALES BURN.

Blaze in Freighter El Alba Is
Caused by Spontaneous
Combustion.

Ten firemen were overcome while working in the hold of a burning ship at the foot of West 12th Street this morning. Three were so badly affected that they were sent to Bellevue Hospital. The others were sent home.

The ship was the freighter El Alba. Stevedores on their way to work saw smoke coming from the forward hold, which contained hundreds of bales of cotton and a quantity of rubber.

An alarm brought the three fire boats, New Yorker, Willard and Deane, under Acting Deputy Fire Chief McKenna, and two land companies, under the charge of Battalion Chief Hotchkiss.

The fire boats flooded the hold with water and protected nearby ships and the wharves.

When the firemen attempted to get to fire below the docks they found the smoke so dense that a call was sent out for rescue squads under the command of Acting Lieut. Consella.

Before these arrived, however, Chief McKenna, who had ventured below decks without a mask, was overcome by the smoke and fumes from burning rubber and carried out.

Other firemen overcome were Chief Hotchkiss, Firemen John Dillard, Hook and Ladder Company No. 5, and Patrick Bowen, Engine Company No. 3, and Capt. John Henry, Engine Company No. 1.

Lieut. Thomas Foley of the Duane, Lieut. George Farr of the Willard and Lieut. J. J. Calvery of Hook and Ladder Company No. 5, were overcome by fumes while working in the hold. They fell into the water which had flooded the hold and were hauled out with ropes. They are the ones sent to Bellevue.

Acting Battalion Chief F. H. Smith of the marine division, and Fireman William Seavers, were also overcome in the hold, and were sent home after treatment by physicians on the dock. The damage is estimated at \$2,500. Spontaneous combustion is believed to have started the fire.

SMITHS MADE UP
15 REGIMENTS IN
U. S. ARMY IN WAR

Johnsons Filled Eleven More,
Browns Eight—Joneses and
Millers Also Plentiful.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—SMITHS made up fifteen regiments in the American war army, Johnsons made up eleven more, Browns eight and Williams, Jones and Millers made up more than seven each.

Records at the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, where the names of 4,622,422 former service men are indexed, also show that the Anderson and Davis families were represented in sufficient number to compose more than five regiments each, and the Wilsons, Moores and Taylors four each.

WORLD RESTAURANT.
Special 10c Dinner, Tuesday, May 11, 1920.
Lemon hotel, first street, 500; some
table d'hôte dinner, 50c, 14th floor, World Build-
ing, 44th.

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DE LA HUERTA TAKES POST OF PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT IN THE MEXICAN CAPITAL

Gen. Obregon Places Himself Under
New Official's Orders—Steps
Taken to Obtain Recognition by
the American Government.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—According to advice from Nogales Gen. Obregon has placed himself under the orders of Gen. de la Huerta, Provisional President of Mexico, with whom he is in regular communication.

The Revolutionary Government will ask for immediate recognition by the United States. Emiliano Gomez, Commercial Agent at Nogales, is reported to have been intrusted with the mission of negotiating for recognition.

M'ALEENAN HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT; NOT LIKELY TO LIVE

Ted Cann and Stephen Ruddy,
Champion Swimmers, Also
Injured in Crash.

Arthur McAleenan, former tancy diving champion of the country, who with Ted Cann and Stephen Ruddy, champion swimmers, were to have sailed on May 29 to take part in the Olympic games in Belgium, was perhaps fatally injured in a taxicab accident to-day in Long Island City.

He was removed this afternoon to Roosevelt Hospital. His skull was fractured and a specialist, Dr. Edgar, was called in to perform an operation in the hope of saving his life.

The other two athletes were seriously injured. Cann, who is in St. John's Hospital in Long Island City, is said to have only a small chance of living.

Cann, while serving in the Naval Reserve, was awarded a medal by the Navy Department for exceptional bravery in going into the flooded compartment of a vessel and stopping a leak.

OIL PRICE BOOSTED,
THOUGH STANDARD
EARNS \$43,165,109

Consumer Now Pays 34 Cents
For Gasoline Company Has
\$57.52 Per Share for Dividends.

DURING the year 1919 the Standard Oil Company of New York, according to its last report, shows net earnings available for dividends of \$43,165,109. This is equal to \$57.52 a share on the capital stock.

Notwithstanding this prosperity the company yesterday raised the price of gasoline to garages a cent and a half a gallon. This means the dealer pays 30 cents and the consumer 34 cents.

During 1918 the company reported net earnings, after all charges and Federal taxes, of \$28,642,387. This amount was equal to \$38.19 a share on the capital. After payment of \$12,000,000 in dividends last year there was a surplus of \$51,165,109. During 1918 the company paid \$9,000,000 in dividends and the surplus was \$19,642,387.

While on their way to this city the refugees said, the Jalisco was in communication with a Mexican gunboat which reported troops had been sent to disarm and capture Colonel Carlos S. Orozco, chief of operations in the Tampico district, and the brother of General Murguia, who was recalled from Tampico recently and made commander of the Department of the Valley of Mexico.

The American destroyer which arrived here to-day did not fire a salute upon reaching port, but her Commander exchanged calls with the Marine Commandant here.

Soldiers from Oaxaca and Puebla have been sent to San Marcos, and three trainloads of troops have been sent from here to participate in the operation.

The correspondent of El Dictamen, an Associated Press newspaper published here, has just returned from the headquarters of Gen. Aguilar, the Carranzist commander. The correspondent remained with Aguilar until his troops deserted him. He states that when Aguilar recognized that the

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